

LEARNING @ ORSETT THROUGH SKILLS



Tuesday 5th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new year, I do hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. I am very much looking forward to being with your children. Over the next six weeks our fascinating LOTs theme will take your children back to 1666 and the era of the Stuarts as they find about the 'Great Fire of London' and the effect it had on the people of the time. We will look at when, where, how and why the Great Fire happened, as well as exploring how we know about it through the diary of Samuel Pepys and other sources. Our learning will take us through the specific National Curriculum (NC) skills that needed to be mastered by the children.

Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

<i>Scientific Enquiry</i>	Everyday material
<i>ICT</i>	Developing typing speed and research skills
<i>History</i>	Understanding the events of the Great fire of London Comparing 1666 with 2017
<i>Geography</i>	Locating London on the map and Identifying London landmarks
<i>Art & Design</i>	Creating fire collage using different materials
<i>PE</i>	Games Gymnastics
<i>PSHE & Citizenship</i>	Identifying feelings and how to manage them Developing healthy relationships
<i>Christian Value</i>	Generosity

Every child will experience a variety of different ways of learning including reading, writing, mathematics, problem solving, illustrating, working independently and working collaboratively and their progress towards the NC Skills will be continually assessed again in a variety of ways. Teaching it this way, will not only help the children see the relevance of the learning, actively enjoy it but also inspire them achieve higher standards in their work. If anyone has related skills, resources, experience and knowledge they are willing to share please let me know as soon as possible, as the more information and support that your child has, the more successful their learning will be.

Homework: *As you know here at Orsett we always encourage our children to continue their learning outside of school. We do expect that all children will read daily and will learn the relevant spelling and time tables for the year group. We also will be working with the children over the next week to agree their Extended Homework expectations and these will be sent out to you on **Monday 11th September** so that you are aware of the areas that your child will be working towards at home and also the agreed deadlines.*

Other Info: Our PE sessions will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child(ren) has appropriate clothing for outside sessions. **If they wear trainers for PE they must be non-marking and black, and they can only be worn if the children change into them for PE.**

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Olajide
Class Teacher